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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:TSPA;UR;SW

SUBJECT:SOVIET SATELLITE

REF: STOCKHOLM 323

1. NATO COUNTRIES, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND JAPAN WERE INFORMED OF IMPENDING REENTRY OF COSMOS 954.
2. US DECISION TO INFORM ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS WAS BASED UPON (1) RISK ASSESSMENT WHICH INDICATED RELATIVELY REMOTE DANGE OF RADIATION HAZARD TO HUMANS; (2) DESIRE TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF LEAKS BECAUSE OF CONCERN OVER UNWARRANTED PUBLIC APPREHENSION; AND (3) FACT THAT ANY OBLIGATION TO FOREWARN WOULD LAY UPON THE USSR, SINCE IT WAS A SOVIET SATELLITE.
3. IN DETERMINING WHICH COUNTRIES SHOULD BE NOTIFIED, THE

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DEPARTMENT USED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- A. DO WE HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTRY IN THE AREA OF NATIONAL SECURITY SINCE WE VIEWED THE REENTRY OF COSMOS 954 IN A NATIONAL SECURITY CONTEXT?
- B. COULD THE COUNTRY APPLY ITS OWN TECHNICAL CAPABI-

LITIES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OR CORROBORATIVE INFORMATION  
TO THE US?

C. DID THE COUNTRY HAVE POTENTIAL CAPABILITY TO PRO-  
VIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS SHOULD  
THEY BE NEEDED, RECOGNIZING THERE WERE NO PREVENTATIVE  
MEASURES THAT COULD BE TAKEN EFFECTIVELY?

4. FOR EMBASSY INFO ONLY: THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT RE-  
QUESTED OUR CONCURRENCE IN INFORMING SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND  
AND AUSTRIA OF THE IMPENDING REENTRY. WE FORWARDED OUR  
CONCURRENCE. THE FRG INFORMED THESE COUNTRIES ON JANUARY  
23. WE TRUST THAT GOS WILL APPRECIATE OUR INTEREST IN  
AVOIDING ADVANCED DISCLOSURE WHICH COULD HAVE LED TO  
APPREHENSION AND ANXIETY, PARTICULARLY AS OUR OWN ASSESS-  
MENT WAS THAT THE EXPECTED RADIATION RISK WOULD PROBABLY  
BE SMALL. VANCE

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